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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

December 15 - Celebrate Bill of Rights Day

Do you celebrate America's civil holidays? Do you cherish your rights and freedoms as an American? If so, then you will want a special day to remember the foundation for all of them: Bill of Rights Day. Here's why:

1. The Bill of Rights is a major part of the "American way of life." America's civic holidays -- the Birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, and King, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day -- all remind us of the special contributions and sacrifices made by our forefathers and leaders to preserve, protect, and extend our freedoms. Each of these civic holidays exists because someone cared enough to fight and die for our rights -- the rights contained in the Bill of Rights.

2. The Bill of Rights energizes our military defense. American service men and women swear an oath to preserve and defend the Bill of Rights . . . it is part of the Constitution. When American military people fight and die for our country, they do so to protect our rights and freedoms under the Bill of Rights.

3. The Bill of Rights might otherwise be forgotten. Many or most Americans do not know their Bill of Rights. A special day would encourage even the government schools to teach about it for at least one day per year.

4. Bill of Rights Day would declare America's commitment to fundamental human rights to the whole world.

5. Just as celebrating the Jewish and Christian Holy Days reminds Americans of these religious beliefs and traditions, Bill of Rights Day would annually remind America of how its history and philosophy have produced

the rights which oppressed peoples everywhere still long for.

6. Bill of Rights Day would be a super Memorial Day. It would honor the personal sacrifices and deaths of countless millions of people who struggled for basic human and civil rights for the last thousand years.

7. Bill of Rights Day would help force today's politicians to take a stand for or against fundamental American rights.

8. Bill of Rights Day would remind prosecutors, bureaucrats, and judges that their authority and power are limited.

9. Bill of Rights Day would remind all members of government that they serve the citizens, not rule them -- and that the citizens always retain the right to stop government from becoming a monster.

10. Bill of Rights Day would help Americans on the political left, center, and right see how we all share common core values -- and how we must all work together to keep our government on a short leash.

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You just have to love freedom.
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There's Only One Way to Stop Polarization from Tearing America Apart

By Hannah Cox

Polls and studies back up what we all anecdotally know to be true: Americans are deeply divided and increasingly hostile toward those with opposing views. 56 percent say they expect to see violence following the election, and another 61 percent fear we are on the verge of a second civil war.

We are really 50 micro-countries that have chosen to coexist as one: the United States. Unlike some other countries, we don't all share a common history, religion, ethnicity, accent, or culture.

Our success is actually more surprising than our current division. Instead of worrying about the future, we ought to examine the ways in which this vastly diverse group of people has managed to get along and prosper for almost 250 years. This is a feat the world has never seen before—and we owe our success to the brilliance of our founders and the limited government structure they provided us.

From the beginning our system was designed to allow for peaceful coexistence among very different people. Each state possesses its own executive, legislative, and judicial branch, along with its own constitution. And the Tenth Amendment of the US Constitution grants most political authority to the states:

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

The founders' intention was always localized control.

This structure of government is what we call federalism. The founders intended the states to operate as laboratories for new ideas and programs. If a state tried a successful approach to a problem, others would take note and replicate it. If a state did something terrible, the harm was mitigated and would impact fewer people. And the federal government was on hand to step in if a state infringed upon individual rights.

The founders recognized that a big, centralized federal government could not adequately represent people

from so many different places. They also knew it should not attempt to micromanage the lives of diverse citizens with varying interests.

In Federalist No. 45, James Madison wrote, "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite."

The objective was to ensure people in one state did not dictate the ways and rules of life for people in another. This structure also ensured people had a more direct line of access to their representatives in the states—meaning they could much more effectively participate in their political process and work to set or change laws that impacted them.

In contrast, our federal government was given a limited number of functions, laid out explicitly in the Constitution. These include the authority to coin money, regulate interstate commerce, declare war, raise and maintain armed forces, and establish a Post Office. But we now have a gigantic federal government that involves itself in everything from healthcare to education to marriage to social media. This is the root cause of our division.

Famed economist Milton Friedman perhaps predicted and expressed this problem best:

"Government has three primary functions. It should provide for military defense of the nation. It should enforce contracts between individuals. It should protect citizens from crimes against themselves or their property. When government-- in pursuit of good intentions tries to rearrange the economy, legislate morality, or help special interests, the cost comes in inefficiency, lack of motivation, and loss of freedom. Government should be a referee, not an active player."

Big government makes people fear one another and drives distrust. In a free-market economy, people have to provide goods or services that improve the lives of their fellow man in order to make a living. In a crony capitalist economy, people instead petition the government to stomp out their competitors, protect their interests, and improve their lives to the detriment of their fellow citizens.

We're on a dangerous path, and Americans are right to fear violence, retaliation, or even another civil war (of sorts) if we don't change course.

A return to federalism is the only realistic alternative—and how we get out of this mess.

Limited government and individual liberty are more than popular slogans. A limited government allows people to find local solutions, cooperation, and sustainable approaches to society's ills while ensuring that each individual person is secure in their natural rights and has the opportunity to build the life that best suits them.

If we want America to be great again, we'll remember what made us great in the first place: our diversity, our values of limited government and individual rights, and our commitment to a peaceful coexistence. That is American exceptionalism.

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The Guillotine Mystique

The French Revolution has long inspired progressive radicals ready for change at any cost.

By Cathy Young

Last summer, when the short-lived "Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone," in Seattle renamed itself the "Capitol Hill Occupied Protest," one protester explained to a reporter that the acronym CHOP was a tribute to the Jacobin Reign of Terror in France [costing tens of thousands of lives] more than 200 years ago. "What happened to the people who did not get on board with the French Revolution?" he asked, to which the assembled crowd responded, "CHOPPED!"

This scene was just one manifestation of the guillotine fad that has been sweeping America's resurgent progressive left. #Guillotine2020 is an actual hashtag on lefty Twitter, mostly (if hyperbolically) dedicated to the malfeasance of Republicans, rich folks, and other baddies. DIY guillotines have been popping up at protests, including ones outside the White House and the Washington, D.C., mansion of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos....

Even without guillotines, observers of the American left in 2020 will see themes reminiscent of the French radicals of the 1790s – from the romanticization of the violent mob to the sentimental belief in the fundamental innocence of the oppressed to the speed with which yesterday's heroes [e.g. Thomas Jefferson] can become today's reactionaries. Substitute "progressive" for "republican" [as the French radicals styled themselves], and historian Simon Schama's description of

the Jacobins rings true today: "They remained obsessed by the holy grail of republican purity. Since it would, by definition, remain forever out of reach, its paladins would constantly see themselves confronted by impure soldiers of darkness and crime who stood between them and their prize and who had to be cut down if the Reign of Virtue were ever to be realized." The Jacobin Saint-Just's declaration that indifference equals treason is echoed today in the rhetoric of activists like Ibram X. Kendi, who says that it's not enough to simply not be racist; if you're not actively anti-racist – an ally in their cause – then you're complicit in white supremacy.

This doesn't mean that social justice activists, or even the guillotine-toting revolutionary wannabees in Portland and D.C. are Saint-Justs and Robespierres in waiting. But the Jacobins' story should be a timely reminder of the dangers of romanticizing righteous violence, demonizing enemies, and fetishizing ideological purity. – Reason December 2020

Review: *Crois ou Meurs (Believe, or Die)*, by Claude Quétel

In *Crois ou Meurs*, Claude Quétel takes issue with the popular view that there were two French revolutions: the "good," represented by The Declaration of the Rights of Man, and the "bad," symbolized by the Terror. Instead, he says, the Revolution was a "deadly and useless madness" from the outset.

Quétel believes that the Revolution betrayed the very principles on which it was founded. "Words!," he quotes the Goncourt brothers as saying, "We burn in the name of charity and we guillotine in the name of brotherhood."

From its very beginnings, he states, murder and bloodshed were part of the Revolution. Quétel believes that much of the Revolution's poisonous "philosophisme" (Taine's term for abstract ideas of equality) comes straight from Rousseau. In *The Social Contract*, as Quétel points out, Rousseau writes that "anyone who refuses to obey the general will should be forced to do so . . . which means little less than we will force him to be free".

Subjection to the "general will"—as interpreted at the whim of revolutionary leaders—was terrifyingly predictive. Those unwilling to conform to the general will were, of course, on their own. "I regard as a crime against the nation anyone who seeks to resist our

regeneration," said one deputy.
(Believe, or Die)

– newcriterion.com March 2020

New blacklist of 'Trump sycophants' inspired by AOC being compiled

By Mia Cathell

At the behest of 'squad' member and New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a blacklist of "Trump sycophants"—entitled "The Trump Accountability Project"—is archiving the names of individuals who "elected, served, funded, supported, and represented" President Donald Trump.

"Is anyone archiving these Trump sycophants for when they try to downplay or deny their complicity in the future? I foresee decent probability of many deleted Tweets, writings, photos in the future," the US representative tweeted Friday afternoon.

"Yes, we are," answered former Obama administration staffer Michael Simon. "Every Administration staffer, campaign staffer, bundler, lawyer who represented them — everyone."

The website is a self-described "permanent record" of those who elected the president, including Trump campaign staffers, Republican National Committee members, and affiliated PACs in 2016 or 2020.

Individuals who donated \$1000 or more—in efforts to re-elect the president and related campaign committees are also blacklisted.

Others who worked in the Trump administration; endorsed the president in a public light; were appointed to federal boards, commissions, or the judiciary; and staffed law firms that represented the Trump name in any capacity are named.

"If you hire someone who remained with the Trump admin after the election, be on notice you will be held accountable by MeidasTouch and we will ensure you are exposed," warned Geragos & Geragos partner Ben Meiselas who represented professional football player turned-Black Lives Matter activist Colin Kaepernick in his lawsuit against the NFL.

In response, *Human Events*'s Will Chamberlain quipped: "Leading Democrats like @AOC and @JRubinBlogger apparently want to treat Trump supporters like China treats the Uyghurs."

Slightly Offens*ve host Elijah Schaffer lambasted Cortez, levelling that she "threatened 69 million voting

American citizens who support President Trump."

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Police Will Pilot a Program to Live-Stream Amazon Ring Cameras

This is not a drill. Red alert: The police surveillance center in Jackson, Mississippi, will be conducting a 45-day pilot program to live stream the security cameras, including Amazon Ring cameras, of participating residents.

We've been especially concerned with Ring's 1,000+ partnerships with local police departments, which facilitate bulk footage requests directly from users without oversight or having to acquire a warrant.

While people buy Ring cameras and put them on their front door to keep their packages safe, police use them to build comprehensive CCTV camera networks. This serves two police purposes. First, it allows police departments to avoid the cost of buying surveillance equipment. Second, it evades the natural reaction of fear and distrust that many people would have if they learned police were putting up dozens of cameras on their block.

Now, police in Jackson, Mississippi, have started a program that would allow Ring owners to patch the camera streams from their front doors directly to a police Real Time Crime Center. The footage includes you coming and going, your neighbors taking out the trash, and the dog walkers and delivery people. Here is the response we received from Amazon in regards to this post: "[Amazon and Ring] are not involved in any way with any of the companies or the city in connection with the pilot program. The companies, the police and the city that were discussed in the article do not have access to Ring's systems or the Neighbors App. Ring customers have control and ownership of their devices and videos and can choose to allow access as they wish." – www.eff.org Nov. 3, 2020

France's Macron issues 'Republican values' ultimatum to Muslim leaders

French President Emmanuel Macron has asked Muslim leaders to accept a "charter of Republican values" as part of a broad clampdown on radical Islam.

On Wednesday he gave the French Council of the Muslim Faith (CFCM) a 15-day ultimatum to accept the charter.

It will state that Islam is a religion and not a political movement, while also prohibiting "foreign interference" in Muslim groups.

It follows three suspected Islamist attacks in little more than a month.

Mr Macron has strongly defended French secularism in the wake of the attacks, which included the beheading of a teacher who showed cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad during a class discussion last month.

The CFCM representatives agreed to create a National Council of Imams. The body would reportedly issue imams with official accreditation which could be withdrawn if an ethical code is breached.

Macron has also announced new measures to tackle what he called "Islamist separatism" in France.

The bill seeks to prevent radicalisation, and includes measures such as restrictions on home-schooling and harsher punishments for those who intimidate public officials on religious grounds.

Each child would be given an identification number under the law that would be used to ensure they are attending school. Parents who break the law could face up to six months in jail as well as large fines.

The bill also makes it an offence to share the personal information of a person in a way that allows them to be located by people who want to harm them.

Samuel Paty, the teacher who was killed last month, was targeted by an online hate campaign before his death on 16 October.

"We must save our children from the clutches of the Islamists," Interior Minister Gerard Darmanin told the *Le Figaro* newspaper. The draft law will be discussed by the French cabinet on 9 December.

Earlier this year, President Macron described Islam as a religion "in crisis" and defended the right of magazines to publish cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad. Such depictions are widely regarded as taboo

in Islam and are considered highly offensive by many Muslims.

Following these comments, the French leader became a figure of hate in several Muslim-majority countries. Protesters have also called for a boycott of French products.

In France, state secularism (laïcité) is central to the country's national identity. Freedom of expression in schools and other public spaces is part of that, and curbing it to protect the feelings of a particular religion is seen as undermining national unity.

France has western Europe's largest Muslim population.

-- www.bbc.com November 19, 2020

Let the book banning begin

Teachers in the Burbank Unified School District in California have been instructed not to include classic novels that contain racial slurs, such as Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" and Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" in their curriculum until further notice, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times.

The other books included in the ban are John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," Theodore Taylor's "The Cay," and Mildred D. Taylor's "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry."

The decision came after an alleged incident in which a student used a racial slur he learned in "Roll of Thunder," according to the newspaper. -The Epoch Times November 18, 2020

Staff at Jordan Peterson's publisher protest new book plans

The announcement of a book from psychologist Jordan Peterson, the self-styled "professor against political correctness", has prompted dozens of complaints from staff at his publisher.

The announcement of Peterson's forthcoming Beyond Order: 12 More Rules for Life prompted staff at Penguin Random House Canada to confront management. Peterson's views on subjects including transgender rights, gender and race have been controversial. Last year, Cambridge University rescinded its offer of a visiting fellowship to Peterson following criticism from faculty and students.

PRH Canada's diversity and inclusion committee reportedly received at least 70 anonymous messages about Peterson's book from staff, with only "a couple" in favour of the decision to publish.

The protests in Canada over Peterson's book follow Hachette's decision to drop Woody Allen's memoir

after a staff walkout, and reports that staff at JK Rowling's publisher in the UK were told they could not refuse to work on her new children's book The Ickabog because they disagreed with her views on transgender rights.—theguardian.com 25 November 2020

Defensive Wolf Shooting: Washington State Sheriff Says Carry a Gun

By Dean Weingarten

On 7 October 2020, a Coleville, Washington man was checking game cameras in the area near Rocky Creek Road.

As he approached the camera he saw wolves 30 yards away.

He yelled in an attempt to scare the wolves off. They did not retreat. Instead, they bared their teeth and started growling.

The man was carrying a Browning A-Bolt Mini Medallion rifle in 7mm-08 caliber, topped with an optical sight. To protect himself, he shot one of the menacing wolves. The wolf dropped immediately. The other pack members retreated, howling.

The man with the rifle notified the Sheriff's office as soon as he was able to make cell phone connection. Stevens County Sheriff Brad Manke contacted the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The County wildlife specialist and Sgt. Leonetti of the WDFW found the dead wolf.

Further investigation confirmed the man's story, including pictures from the game camera.

The WDFW has determined no crime was committed. The man acted in self-defense. The Sheriff agreed.

Staci Lehman of the WDFW said the wolf that was killed is believed to be from the Smackout Pack. Manke said, with wolves, cougars, and bears living in the woods of Northeastern Washington, it is advisable for people to carry a gun for safety when they enter the forest.

Wolf attacks are rare. There was a near-miss in Washington State in 2018. As Ammoland reported, *On 12 July, 2018, a salmon researcher was treed by a pack of wolves in a Washington state wilderness area. She tried pepper spray and yelling, but the pack surrounded her and she climbed a tree. She later climbed down, only to find the wolves still there. She scrambled back up the tree and called for rescue.*

Valerious Geist, a Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science at the University of Calgary, Canada, has written a seven-page explanation of how

the myth of the harmless wolf came to be.

Game departments and wolf experts have been attempting to have wolves delisted from endangered species status. They have been opposed by well-funded opposition. President Trump's administration has now delisted them for the fourth time. A court challenge is expected.

Thanks to Staci Lehman of the WDFW for helping me obtain specific information about the incident.

-- ammoland.com Posted November 10, 2020

Militias challenge gun laws in Virginia: "It's about shooting tyrants in the face"

Last February, a woman named Samantha assembled her AR-15 semi-automatic rifle in Campbell County, Virginia, along with her husband, Chad, who had his AR-15 in hand.

Samantha was attending the call for volunteers to join a group calling itself the Campbell County Militia. Over 200 people were at the event, most of them carrying arms.

Kurt Feigel, a militia organizer, told the group, "We are here today to send a clear and collective message to any would-be-tyrants that would attempt to disarm us: We will not comply."

The formation of the Campbell County Militia is part of a larger movement pushing back against gun laws Virginia enacted in 2020. They claim the new regulations, which include a "red flag" law and universal background checks for gun purchases, infringe on their Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Virginia became a battleground for the gun policy debate after Democrats swept both houses of the state legislature in 2019 on a gun safety platform.

Gun rights supporters pushed back against the Democratic legislative majority. Over 90 counties and municipalities passed Second Amendment sanctuary resolutions opposing the enforcement of certain gun laws.

"We will not be disarmed," said Feigel. "[The Second Amendment] is not about hunting. It's not about self-defense. It's about shooting tyrants in the face."

In March, the Campbell County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution backing the militia.

Supervisor Matt Cline said, "The resolution was historic. To my knowledge, there has not been a

constitutional militia recognized by a governing body since the Civil War."

Mary McCord, the legal director of the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at Georgetown U. said, "I don't like using 'militia' without 'unlawful' or 'vigilante' in front of it. They're not lawful."

Many so-called militia groups point to the phrase "well-regulated militia" in the Second Amendment to argue authority under the Constitution.

But McCord says they've got it wrong. "There's a gray area in the Second Amendment, and there's a lot of unanswered questions, but this is not one of them," explained McCord. "Under the U.S. Constitution, it's Congress that has the ability to call forth and regulate a militia through the Militia Act that established the National Guard." In Virginia the governor can call forth the militia. McCord said, "No one else has that authority."

Historian and legal analyst Patrick Charles distinguished between making a strong statement and crossing the line into military action. "I would say it could be treason. Are they just acting on behalf of the First Amendment, 'I'm declaring myself a militia'? Or are they performing state-sanctioned militia functions? If they're doing the latter, that is arguably treason."

All 50 states prohibit paramilitary organizations.

Kurt Feigel said he disagreed with the legal experts. "We have the right to assemble peacefully, and we have a right to defend our communities. Not as vigilantes, but we aren't going to let people roll into our town and burn it down like in Portland and Seattle."

Chad claims the county militias "are not inherently anti-government," though he adds, "It could potentially be anti- certain people in the government if they become tyrannical."

Feigel doesn't see room for a middle ground on gun regulation. "I have no interest in compromising with the opposition that would like to restrict my Second Amendment freedom. It's a right," he said.

Lori Haas, senior advocacy directory for the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, says the militias' stance is "the very definition of insurrectionism: 'I don't like the law, so I'm going to ignore it, and I'm going to use my gun to intimidate you.'"

"The Second Amendment can be regulated. Regulations have been recognized as being constitutional," Haas said. She got involved in gun violence prevention efforts after her daughter, Emily, was wounded in the

Virginia Tech mass shooting in 2007, where 32 people were killed.

McCord cited the situation in Michigan last spring when heavily armed protesters and militia members converged on the statehouse to oppose the governor's pandemic restrictions.

"They have no authority to deploy publicly, while armed, organizing themselves together and asserting authority over the public to protect property [or] statues."

But frustration is growing for Chad and Samantha, who feel that Virginia's laws go too far. "It just feels like our values are the ones always attacked, and we constantly have to defend our right to bear arms," said Chad.

"Even if their opinion is right and [the militia] is illegal, I don't know that I care because the whole point of the militia is defending our rights."-- cbsnews.com November 12, 2020

Proposed Biden Gun Tax Could Top \$34 billion

American gun owners could face tens of billions of dollars in new taxes to keep the guns they already own under Democrat Joe Biden's gun ban and tax plan.

At least 20 million rifles and 150 million ammunition magazines would be caught up in the sales ban and registration scheme, according to a National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) report. The new taxes would cost Americans more than \$34 billion, according to a *Washington Free Beacon* analysis.

Biden wants to ban new sales of AR-15 rifles and similar firearms as well as any ammunition magazine holding more than 10 rounds—sizes that come standard on most modern rifles and handguns. He would pay some owners to surrender the affected guns they legally own and force everyone else to register the guns under the National Firearms Act. The proposal would require owners to pay a \$200 tax stamp for each item.

The NSSF report said the kinds of rifles Biden wants to ban made up nearly half of all rifles produced in 2018.

The report, released Monday, found that 11.4 million firearms were made or imported into the U.S. in 2018. A further 9.3 million were made or imported in 2019. That brings the total number of firearms on the American market between 1991 and 2019 up to nearly 214 million.

NSSF spokesman Mark Oliva said those numbers, combined with the

fact that Americans increasingly favor AR-15s and other rifles targeted by Biden and gun-control advocates, are evidence the country is not interested in strict new gun laws.

"America's attitude on gun control is shifting more toward the idea that we need to protect our rights and away from the idea we need government control of our destiny," he said.

The Biden campaign did not respond to a request for comment. -- freebeacon.com November 18, 2020

Exclusive: The 'Independent' News Outlet Secretly Funded by Everytown for Gun Safety

If you've been following gun-related news for any length of time, you've probably come across a website called *The Trace*.

The Trace bills itself as "an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit newsroom" that covers gun-related topics in the U.S. The outlet has in recent years sought to raise its credibility by partnering with major news sources like *The New Yorker*, *Slate*, and *The Atlantic* to report on topics like gun-related crime, universal background checks, and the National Rifle Association.

In fact, it was *The Trace's* Mike Spies who, in partnership with *The New Yorker*, launched against the NRA the first public attacks that eventually resulted in NY Attorney General Letitia James' lawsuit seeking to dissolve the gun-rights organization.

That story put *The Trace* in the national spotlight, and its editors and authors have worked hard to convince readers that they're a source of objective, unbiased gun-related news. But new analysis by GunsAmerica has revealed that *The Trace* is anything but "independent" and "nonpartisan." According to publicly available tax documents, nearly 70 percent of *The Trace's* expenses are paid for by the anti-gun group Everytown for Gun Safety, and the outlet counts Everytown's president, John Feinblatt, as its principal officer. -- gunsamerica.com November 11, 2020

Everytown is Terrified That Amy Coney Barrett Will be a Great 2A Judge

Everytown for Gun Safety is terrified of Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation to replace Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsburg on the Supreme Court.

"Amy Coney Barrett's alarming interpretation of the Second

Amendment would make her an ideal Supreme Court Justice for the NRA, but a terrible one for the safety of the American people," said Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action.

"Giving her a lifetime appointment on the Supreme Court will make us all less safe."

Everytown argues that Barrett's presence on the Supreme Court could force lower courts to use the standard of review outlined in the landmark pro-gun decision, *D.C. v. Heller*, which would "put almost every gun law at risk," according to Everytown.

Barrett doesn't have a lengthy record on Second Amendment issues, but her existing opinions look promising.

In her most high-profile case, she wrote a dissenting opinion arguing that a non-violent convicted felon should have his gun rights restored. To make her case, Barrett relied on founding-era documents and legal precedent to prove that the framers of the Constitution would not have wanted a non-violent felon from having his gun rights permanently revoked.

In this, Barrett's approach to the law resembles the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who also relied on founding-era history in his *Heller* decision. Barrett was a clerk for Scalia after she graduated from law school and said at the White House on Saturday, "His judicial philosophy is mine too."

Gun rights groups have been quick to praise Trump for his selection.

Erich Pratt, Senior Vice President for Gun Owners of America, said that Barrett "appears to be a strong choice."-- gunsamerica.com September 29, 2020

REPORT: AFT Already Plotting New Gun Control with Biden Team

By Teresa Mull

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), a group of unaccountable bureaucrats, has already begun plotting with the "Biden transition team" to implement new gun control.

Ammoland reports, "November 10th, 2020, during an ATF conference

call, Acting Director Regina Lombardo told those in attendance that the anti-gun Biden transition team has reached out to the ATF to get the agency's 'top priorities,'" those priorities being pistol arm braces and 80% lowers.

"The ATF advocating for gun control shocks no one who's even barely paid attention to their heinous actions in the last 30 years," Chris Stone, Director of Political Operations for the National Association for Gun Rights, told *GPM*.

GPM reported earlier this year that firearms manufacturer Q, LLC has been placed under the bureaucratic microscope for its "Honey Badger" pistol.

The ATF sent Q a letter stating that the firearms manufacturer's Honey Badger pistol classifies as a "short-barreled" rifle simply for featuring a stabilizing brace. The ATF's Firearms and Ammunition Technology Division determined, "[T]he objective features of the Honey Badger firearm, configured with the subject stabilizing brace, indicate the firearm is designed and intended to be fired from the shoulder." Due to this change in classification, the National Firearms Act (NFA) must be applied to this firearm. As a result, this firearm will have a \$200 transfer tax imposed on it in accordance to the NFA's guidelines.

The arbitrary reclassification of firearms presents a huge headache for gun manufacturers, vendors, and owners alike. Unfortunately, they [ATF] will continue to operate in such a fashion unless they are stripped of their powers.

Dudley Brown, former NAGR President noted that "...[T]he most popular AR-15 build is the 'pistol brace' version, and this Honey Badger ruling could signal the ATF is pulling the rug out from that growing section of American gun owners."

As for 80% lowers, *The Truth About Guns* points out:

An 80% lower is a partially finished block of aluminum. The buyer is then required to drill and mill the lower to make it functional for use as part of a pistol or rifle. If 80% lowers are banned, would 75% lowers still be legal? How about 70%? Will we have to regulate the sale of all billet aluminum in the country

in case someone decides to use it to fashion a gun?

To ban these items, the ATF would have to reverse itself, doing a 180 on scores of opinions and rulings it has been issuing regarding these items for years.

Even for the rabidly anti-gun ATF this is a particularly bold move. President Trump should start firing senior ATF officials left and right."

Teresa Mull is editor of Gunpowder Magazine.-- www.gunpowdermagazine November 12, 2020

The Hypocrisy of anti-Second Amendment Veterans

Some veterans in politics and media have taken it upon themselves to rescue Americans from the "dangers" of firearms, specifically the AR-15.

Their contention is that these are "weapons of war" and therefore unfit for civilian use. Pat Ryan, an Iraq War veteran who ran for Congress in New York's 19th district expressed his desire to "get rid of assault rifles." In the wake of the Orlando shooting, Congressman Seth Moulton, a former Marine officer, stated on Twitter that "assault rifles... have no place on America's streets."

These anti-gun veterans believe they know better than the rest of us. They tout their combat experience with these "weapons of war," demanding that we trust their message.

As a Marine trained on the use of numerous military-grade weapons, Seth and others should know better.

It is time for the silent majority of pro-Second Amendment veterans to speak their minds.

If we fail to do so, we are foregoing a responsibility to speak out against the same injustices we joined the military to defend against. And sadly, this issue extends beyond just the discussion of Second Amendment rights.

The "I-know-better-than-the-average-civilian" mentality has become the de facto stance of the corrupt and powerful in our government.,,, -- Mike Judge, letter to the editor, unionleader.com Sept. 2, 2020

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